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N.J. BOARD OF DENTISTRY
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Re:

Settlement Letter in Lieu of Formal

Disciplinary Action
Complaint #84321

Dear Dr. Shumantov:

This letter is to advise you that the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry (the "Board") has had an opportunity to complete its review of information concerning the above captioned complaints. The information reviewed includes:

- 1. The complaint of patient V.W.
- 2. Your response to the complaint, including copies of the patient records, x-rays and financial information.
- 3. A copy of the transcript of your appearance before the Board on July 25, 2012; and,
- 4. Other available information about the patient's oral condition(s).

Based upon the review of this matter, it appears to the Board that:

- 1. Failure to provide records to the patient upon request You admitted that you failed to provide V.W. with a copy of the patient records upon request of the patient.
- 2. Exposing patient to X-rays without a lead shield You admitted that you took x-rays of the patient without a lead shield; specifically, you stated that you utilized a "portable mini x-ray unit with high-sensitivity sensor, which allowed taking x-rays on adults with exposure below the settings for kids. I was told that I can use the x-ray without protection and I thought this would be a better service."
- 3. **Branch Office Registration** You advertised and operated a dental office for which you failed to first obtain a registration.

These acts may be sufficient to initiate the filing of formal disciplinary proceedings. However, the Board has determined that it will first offer you an opportunity to settle this matter, through your agreement to the following:

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1. Pay a total penalty of \$1,500.00 for violations of the Board's statutes and regulations governing record keeping, advertising, and professional misconduct (taking x-rays of patients without a lead shield).

If you are willing to settle this matter on the offered settlement terms, you may do so by signing the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter, and returning it to the Board office. The penalty may be paid by a check or money order made payable to the "State of New Jersey - Board of Dentistry" and should be submitted to the Board office. You should be advised that upon receipt of your signed acknowledgment, this letter will be a matter of public record.

In the event you are unwilling to settle this matter on the offered terms, it will be referred to the Attorney General's office for the initiation of an appropriate enforcement action. In such event, you will be afforded an opportunity to defend against the alleged violations. If an evidentiary hearing is deemed warranted, the Board will either conduct that hearing at a date and time to be scheduled or refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Law. You are advised, however, that in the event formal charges are filed, the Board may assess civil penalties in an amount greater than those offered in settlement here, should any charges against you be sustained. Additionally, the Board may, if the facts are found to so warrant, enter an order requiring you to reimburse certain monies and/or requiring you to pay the additional costs incurred by the Board. Should you have any questions concerning this letter or the settlement offer herein, I suggest that you contact Deputy Attorney General Nancy Costello-Miller, who may be reached at (973) 648-2500.

If you elect to settle this matter, you should sign the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter and return it to the Board within fifteen (15) days following your receipt of this letter. In the event that the Board receives no response from you within fifteen (15) days, the Board's settlement offer will be withdrawn, and the matter will be referred to the Attorney General's Office for the initiation of appropriate enforcement proceedings.

Yours very truly,

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Jouathan Eisenmenger

Executive Director

cc: Nancy Costello-Miller, Deputy Attorney General

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT: I, Dr. Veselin Shumantov, hereby acknowledge that I have read and reviewed the settlement proposal set forth in the above letter. I acknowledge the conduct which has been charged. I am aware that by signing this acknowledgment, I am waiving any rights I may have to defend myself against any charges of wrongdoing at an administrative hearing. I am also aware that the action taken against me by the Board herein is a matter of public record, and that this letter is a public document. I hereby agree to comply with the directives noted herein. I will submit to the Board:

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Dr. Veselin Shumantov